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**FAIRBANKS MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS PROBATION FOR  
IMPERSONATING ARMY OFFICER AND MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS**

Fairbanks, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, October 26, 2007, that Jason Lamare Jones, a resident of Fairbanks, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Fairbanks to two years of probation and a \$1,000 fine on his conviction for impersonating a federal officer and making false statements to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

United States District Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Jones, age 24, of 402 E Street in Fairbanks.

According to information presented to the court by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Cooper, Jones pretended to be a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and requested the FBI criminal records office in West Virginia to delete an entry showing that Jones had been convicted of fraudulent use of a government credit card while serving in the Army. Jones made the request in a letter he fabricated on what appeared to be army letterhead, signed by a fictional “Lt. Col. Michael Roberts”, and telefaxed the letter from Fairbanks to the FBI in West Virginia. He then made several telephone calls to the FBI and identified himself as “Lt. Col. Michael Roberts,” U.S. Army, Ft. Wainwright. The telephone and fax numbers used were traced to Jones.

Mr. Cohen commended the FBI and Army Criminal Investigation Division for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Jones.

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